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Genealogical Queries

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Bolander, Brandström

I am a subscriber to *SAG* and a genealogist. I would be grateful to anyone who can provide information about the following relatives (my father's cousins and a cousin's child).

Gustaf Adolf Bolander, b. in Värnamo Parish (Små.) 29 November 1863. He immigrated to Chicago on 22 April 1881 and later lived in Rockford, Illinois. In 1900 he worked as an assistant at a shoe store. He was not married. He presumably moved after that time, since he is not found in the next available Rockford census.

Johan Oskar Bolander was born in Värnamo Parish (Små.) on 19 February 1878. He immigrated to Rockford, Illinois, on 20 May 1892. In 1900 he worked as a wood-carver (*träsnidare*).

Ruth Brandström was born in Rockford, Illinois, in January 1897, the daughter of Charles Brandström, a glass worker (*glasarbetare*), and Agda Bolander Brandström. Agda died in February 1901. Ruth was the only child and so (then, accordingly) niece to the two previously mentioned individuals, i.e., Gustaf Adolf and Johan Oskar.

I am hoping for some notification about these missing persons

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Lundquist

I have been trying to trace my great uncle Augustinus Lundquist who lived in Oklahoma. I know that some twenty-five years ago there was a Lundquist reunion in Oklahoma City but, unfortunately, I heard about it after it was over.

I am in contact with my Lundquist family in Öland, Sweden, and they have no information about Augustinus or his family. The family in Sweden has supplied me with the family tree. Augustinus Lundquist was b. 8 December 1860 in Melstadby, Gräsgård Parish (Öland), the son of Nils Magnus Lundquist

and Sofia Olsdotter. Augustinus immigrated to the U.S. on 14 August 1881. All of my information indicates that he first went to Chicago and then to Oklahoma. I believe he lived in Oklahoma from the 1880s until the 1920s.

I am interested in determining if he and his wife Sarah had any children and when and where Augustinus died and was buried.

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Augustsson, Leander

I am interested in obtaining information about two uncles who immigrated to the United States. Axel Albin Augustsson, b. in Lämås, Karlskoga (Värm) 27 June 1872, immigrated to Chicago on 3 June 1892. Between 1923 and 1928, Axel Albin sent letters to my father with the following return address: Importer of Woolens, 532 People's Bank Bldg., Seattle, WA. Between 1955 and 1966, I helped my mother with some correspondence with his wife, Josephine. Her address was then 503 5th Ave. South, Kent, WA. Josephine was probably born on Åland 6 May 1883. She worked as a teacher. On 19 May 1969, I received a letter from Mrs. Rose Robertson (13628 SE 272, Kent, WA) informing me about Josephine's death on 17 March 1969.

What I would like to know is what happened to my Uncle Axel Albin after his arrival in the U.S., when and where did he marry Josephine, did they have any children, when and where was Josephine born, and when did she immigrate.

My second uncle, August Alexander Augustsson, was also born in Lämås on 2 May 1876. He immigrated to Chicago on 9 September 1896. All that I know about him is that he was declared legally dead in 1950. I also have a letter from *Kungliga Utrikesdepartementet* in Stockholm dated 30 January 1925 and addressed to my father. It states that they had handled the matter concerning the property left in Chicago, IL, by Matilda Shaw. Perhaps my uncle had some contact with this lady, but of this I am not sure.

I am interested to know what happened to my Uncle August after his arrival in the U.S., what he did for a living, where he lived, and whether he was married and had a family. It is quite possible that my two uncles took the surname Leander after their arrival in the U.S. (Their father had Leander as one of his first names.)

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Nilsson

For some years now, I have been searching for the descendants of a person who immigrated to America. Carl Nilsson was b. in Vånga Parish (Skån) 30 Nov. 1829. After working in several places within the province of Skåne—Västra Vram, Östra Sönnarslöv, and Östra Vram—for some years, Carl moved in with his brother, Erik Nilsson, who was then the owner of a farm in Västra Nöbbelöv Parish (Skån.). From there he immigrated to the U.S. in May 1857. He took out a passport issued by the Provincial Government of Kristianstad in 1856.

Although it is often easy to get information from the Swedish parish registers, it is sometimes more difficult to search for a person in America. I should be grateful for any information regarding Carl Nilsson, immigrant from Skåne.

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1227**Berg**

For some years I have been looking for relatives in the U.S. There ought to be many cousins and second cousins to my father. My father, Karl Allan Berg, was b. in Hemmesjö Parish (Smål.) 14 August 1905. He died in Öja Parish (Smål) 7 January 1977. Before his death, he was able to trace our family back to the year 1698. The family lines include ten generations of blacksmiths who first lived in Dräcke, Hedemora Lands. Parish (Dala). Anders Persson Berg and his family moved to the iron works at Sävsjöström, Lenhovda Parish (Smål) ca. 1750. Later generations lived in Stenfors, Tingsås Parish (Smål), where there was also an iron works. From about 1850, the family Berg lived in Åryd, Hemmesjö Parish.

Carl Johan Berg, my great-grandfather, was a master smith. He was born in Tingsås Parish (Smål.); married Anna-Lena Strömgren (b. at Skahus, Lenhovda Parish (Smål.), 22 September 1823) in 1843; and died in Åryd on 22 April 1885. Carl Johan and Anna-Lena had nine children. One daughter, Ida Amalia, probably died as a little child. The rest, except for my grandfather, immigrated to the U.S. between 1869-1880. Even my grandfather's mother emigrated when she became a widow. What follows is a summary of what I know about Berg family members.

Carolina Wilhelmina Berg was b. in Tingsås Parish 4 November 1844. She married Samuel Svensson, who was b. in Hovmantorp (Smål.) 2 November 1840. They emigr. in 1869 with their son, Karl Johan (b. Hemmesjö, 1 May 1868; d. U.S. 6 July 1922), and lived in Chisago City, MN, where five additional

children were born (Anna Sara, b. 1872; Frans (Frank) Emil, b. 1874; Axel Enoch, b. 18 October 1875; George William, b. 24 January 1878; and Hilma Emelia, b. 22 December 1880). The Berg family moved to South Dakota, where three additional children were born in the town of Groton, Brown County—Arthur Sanfred, b. 7 July 1883; Otto Bernard, b. 27 July 1886; and Henry Theodor, b. 10 September 1887. Are there children, grandchildren, and/or great great grandchildren currently living in Chisago City, MN, or the Groton/Claremont, SD, area?

Anna Gustava Berg was b. in Tingsås 8 March 1846. She was a domestic servant who emigrated from Hemmesjö on 27 June 1869. North America was her destination. Did Anna Gustava also live in Chisago City?

Fabian Berg was b. in Hemmesjö 16 December 1849. He immigrated to New York on 2 July 1880. I have been told that Fabian and his brother Carl Gustav bought land with a common border on which they built a little house. One of them worked in a factory and earned money to support them both. The other took care of the farm and slept every two nights on his own farm and the other night on his brother's farm. Fabian returned to Sweden ca. 1910. The last address I have for him is Ellendal in Växjö. Fabian died in Växjö 29 January 1930. He did not have any children.

My grandfather, Frans Fritiof Berg, was born in Åryd on 4 June 1852 and remained there his entire life. He was a smithmaster at Åryd iron factory. He died in Åryd 30 October 1921.

Carl Gustav Berg was b. in Hemmesjö 14 October 1854. He was a smith who immigrated to North America 28 June 1880. Did Carl Gustav marry and have children?

Ida Charlotta Berg was b. in Hemmesjö 7 February 1858. She emigrated from Göteborg on 8 July 1887, listed Groton, N. America, as her destination.

Johan Emil Berg was b. in Hemmesjö 5 April 1860. He had a shaky financial situation in Växjö and quite likely emigrated from Sweden under an alias. Johan Emil died in America ca. 1915.

Svea Augusta Berg was b. in Hemmesjö 7 December 1866. She emigrated with her mother Anna-Lena Strömgren, 8 July 1887. Their destination was Clinton, N. America. Svea Augusta married Fred Carlsson, a farmer, in Amherst, South Dakota. I got this information from Fabian Berg's 1931 estate inventory.

With hope for some tips and/or some help in finding some of my relatives in the U.S., I send my kind regards.

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Lidgren

I am interested in the following two individuals who emigrated from Sweden (via Göteborg) to New York on 24 September 1921 aboard the *Drottningholm*: Per Alfred Lidgren, b. 5 August 1895 and Olof Lidgren, b. 21 June 1900. Both were born in Hädanberg, Anundsjö Parish (Ånge.). I have no known address for Per Alfred; but, as of 11 July 1954, Olof was married, had one daughter, and was living in Bellingham, WA.

I would be grateful for any information on these two individuals.

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1229**Andersdotter, Samuelson, Steel, Boland, Peterson, Caldwell, Kleeman**

I am interested in finding living descendents of Gustava (Stauva) Andersdotter (possibly Samuelson), who was b. in Kareby Parish (Bohu) 27 June 1868. She immigrated to Streator, IL, on 28 November 1883 with Sofia Andersson from Surte (Bohu.) and her three children (Oscar, age 11; Gottfrid, age 6; and Gustav, age 4). Sophia later married Alexander Samuelson, Gustava's brother, and moved to Newark, OH.

I know that Gustava was married and had three children—Virginia C. Steel, Dorothy M. J. Boland, and Phyllis Peterson.

I am also interested in finding descendents of Alfred Otto Julius Samuelson, another of Gustava's brothers, who was b. in Kareby 11 December 1859 and immigrated to the U.S. with his brother Alexander on 20 April 1883. Alfred Otto Julius, a blacksmith, and his wife, Lorena, are listed in the Streator, IL, city directory from 1909 to 1923. They had three children—Violet Samuleson Caldwell, Otto Samuelson, Jr., and Leona Samuelson Kleeman.

The brother Alexander worked for many years as a moldmaker at the Root Glass Company in Terre Haute, IN. I have found an Otto and Josefine Samuelson listed in the Terre Haute city directory for 1922 as well as an Otto and Blanche Samuleson in the 1931 Terre Haute city directory.

Does anyone know anything about these individuals?

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Mattson (Månsson)

The accompanying picture of Ola Mattson (Månsson) from Trolle-Ljungby Parish (Skån), his wife Signe, and two children was taken between 1890-1900 (probably before 1897, when the boy had his foot cut off in a train accident).

You can read more about Ola and his brothers in the September 2000 issue of *Swedish American Genealogist* (p. 184, Query 1210)

Where are you, descendants of the small ones? Please write to me!



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